

**S0058 St. Louis Protestant Orphans' Asylum (1834- ),  
Records, 1834-1940  
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The St. Louis Protestant Orphans' Asylum was founded as the St. Louis Association of Ladies for the Relief of Orphan Children by Mrs. Ann Perry in 1834. It was created in response to the 1832 cholera epidemic which left many St. Louis children without parents. After expanding their facilities and services, the name was changed to St. Louis Protestant Orphans' Asylum in 1848. In 1869, the group merged with the Western Sanitary Commission, a volunteer organization designed to provide relief for veterans of the Civil War. Consequently, the group moved from its north St. Louis location to the Rock House in Webster Groves, originally the sight of Webster College School for Boys purchased by the Western Sanitary Commission in 1861.

The St. Louis Protestant Orphans' Asylum changed its name to the Edgewood Children's Center in June, 1943. At the same time, an admissions policy was developed that accepted children who could not function in foster homes. In 1956, upon recommendation of the Social Planning Council of St. Louis, the Edgewood Children's Center merged with the Forest Paxk Children's Center, a facility for treatment of emotionally disturbed children established by the Junior League in 1945.

Another merger occurred in 1978 between the Edgewood Children's Center and the Girls' Industrial Home and School. Founded as the Girls' Industrial School in 1853, this group was established as a learning center for poverty stricken girls. It evolved into a treatment center for girls with psychiatric problems, receiving assistance from the Municipal Psychiatric Clinic and Child Guidance Clinic.

The collection includes records of the St. Louis orphanage and child care center including bylaws; histories; annual reports; managers' board minutes; matrons' day books; admissions and departures records; visitors' records and financial registers. Collection includes records of the Girls' Industrial Home and School (1853-1978) which merged with the St. Louis Protestant Orphans' Asylum in 1978 and also, the Visiting Committee Records of the Old Soldiers' Orphan Home (1865-1869) which merged with the St. Louis Protestant Orphans' Asylum in December 1869,, and Civil War veterans' orphans records of admissions and discharges.

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